



International Travel Vaccine Resources

International travelers frequently require special immunizations. Because unusual infectious diseases such as typhoid, yellow fever or cholera rarely or never occur in this country, determining a traveler's immunization needs and obtaining these vaccines can sometimes be a challenge.

The following is a list of organizations that provide up-to-date information on disease risks and the necessity of vaccines based on the traveler's geographic destination:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) maintains a web site that contains information on regional and disease specific information:

- ♦ CDC web site: www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm

Other CDC resources include:

- ♦ Fax Information Service: (888) 232-3299
- ♦ Health Information for International Travel: 2005-2006. The CDC biannual "Yellow Book" contains immunization requirements, disease risk, and prevention information for international travelers. The book may be purchased from the Public Health Foundation. Phone: 877/252-1200; Internet: <http://bookstore.phf.org>. \$25 plus shipping costs.
- A directory of travel clinics in the United States is provided on the web sites of two professional organizations:
 - ♦ International Society of Travel Medicine web site: www.istm.org
 - ♦ American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene web site: www.astmh.org
- Information about the prevalence of various diseases throughout the world is provided by the World Health Organization (WHO)
 - ♦ WHO web site: www.who.org